IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

FRIDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE RAMESH RANGANATHAN

WRIT PETITION No.13487 of 2005

Between:

Kotikalapudi Rama Krishna, s/o Lova Raju,
r/o Rameswaram, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 Government of A.P., rep., by its Principal Secretary, Revenue (Endowments) Department,
Saifabad, Hyderabad.
2 The Assistant Commissioner, Endowments Department,
East Godavari District, Rajahmundry.
3 The Executive Officer, Sree Sarvamangala Sametha Ramalingaswamyvari Devasthanam,
Rameswaram, East Godavari District, Pedapudi Mandal.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed herein the High Court may be pleased to issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the action of the 3rd respondent in proposing to conduct auction on 25-6-2005 without issuing any notice to the petitioners to an extent of dry land admeasuring Acs.1.00 cents in R.S.385 OF Pedapudi Mandal, Rameswaram, East Godavari District as being illegal, arbitrary, and unconstitutional apart from being violative of the Rules framed under the Act and consequently direct the respondents to act in accordance with law.

Counsel for the Petitioner:MR.CH.DHANAMJAYA

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 and 2: GP FOR ENDOWMENTS

Counsel for the Respondent No.3 : Smt.N.Indrani

The Court, at the stage of admission, made the following :

ORDER:

Heard Sri Ch.Dhanamjaya, learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Government Pleader for Endowments appearing for respondents 1 and 2 and Smt.N.Indrani for the third respondent and with their consent the writ petition is disposed of at the stage of admission.

The petitioner herein contends that he is a landless poor person and that he is entitled to protection under Section 82 of the A.P.Charitable and Hindu Religions Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987 (for short "the Act"). It is his case that he has not been given any notice before auction is conducted in terms of Rule 5(1) of the Rules notified under G.O.Ms.No. 379. He contends that if auction is permitted to go on 25.06.2005, he would be summarily thrown out on completion of auction proceedings, despite the statutory protection to which he is entitled to under the Act and the Rules made thereunder. Power is conferred, under the Rules, on the second respondent to determine as to whether a tenant of temple lands is a landless poor person or not.

The writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to submit a detailed explanation to the second respondent within one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and the second respondent is directed to determine the status of the petitioner as to whether he is a landless poor person or not within a period of three weeks thereafter. Pending such determination, while the auction contemplated to be held on 25.06.2005 may go on, the same shall not be finalized.

24.06.2005

To

1 The Principal Secretary, Revenue
(Endowments) Department, Government of A.P.,
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2 The Assistant Commissioner, Endowments Department,
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3 The Executive Officer, Sree Sarvamangala Sametha

Ramalingaswamyvari Devasthanam,
Rameswaram, East Godavari District, Pedapudi Mandal.

4 Two C.Cs to the G.P., for Endowments, High Court Buildings, Hyderabad (OUT).

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6 1 CC to MR.DHANAMJAYA.